

May 19, 2003

**SUBJECT: SAFETY RECALL #403-C
LOST FIFTH WHEELS
EXPIRATION DATE: NONE**

Dear Peterbilt Owner:

This notice is sent to you in accordance with the requirements of the National Traffic and Motor Vehicle Safety Act.

Peterbilt Motors Company has decided that a defect which relates to motor vehicle safety exists in certain Lost JSK37U series fifth wheels manufactured between September 3, 1999 and April 14, 2003. Your vehicle has been identified as being manufactured with this possible defect.

The bracket pins connect the fifth wheel top-plate to its mounting structure and under certain loading conditions a fatigue crack can initiate in the weld joining the bracket pin to its mounting flange. Weld failure could lead to the loss of the pin and the potential separation of the fifth wheel top-plate from its mounting structure, which could result in loss of vehicle control and/or vehicle crash without prior warning.

Peterbilt has initiated a recall campaign to correct this condition by replacing the bracket pin. As of the date of this letter, please contact the nearest Peterbilt dealer immediately to have this condition corrected. This procedure should take no more than one half hour and will be performed at no charge to you.

If you require further information about this recall, or experience any difficulty in making arrangements for the repair, please contact: Peterbilt Motors Company, 1700 Woodbrook Street, Denton, Texas 76205-7864, attention: Customer Service Department, phone 940/591-4171.

If you conclude that Peterbilt Motors Company has not enabled you to remedy this defect in reasonable time and without charge, you may submit a complaint to: Administrator for Safety Assurance, National Highway Traffic Safety Administration, 400 Seventh Street SW, Washington DC 20590, or call the toll free Safety Hotline at 1-888-327-4236.

Federal law requires that any vehicle lessor receiving this recall notice must forward a copy of this notice to the lessee within ten days.

If you no longer own this truck, we would appreciate your advising us of the new owner, if the name is known to you. The enclosed postage-paid envelope may be used for this purpose.

If you paid to have this service done prior to receiving this letter, Peterbilt is offering a full refund. For information required to submit a claim for reimbursement, please call TruckCare 1-800-473-8372 and press 8 for TTY access.

We regret any inconvenience this may cause, however we are convinced that it is essential for the safe operation of your vehicle.

Sincerely,

Mike Conroy
Quality Services Manager